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JACKSON COUNTY.

The J. B. Welch & Co. sawmill is being moved from the Meadows to Dry creek, where they have a fine body of timber.

In the annual school meeting in Ashland District, Dr. H. M. Shaw was elected director, receiving thirty-seven out of forty-five votes cast.

W. M. Brown, of Ashland, was seriously ill lately from lead and arsenic poisoning. He had been spraying fruit trees with the compound and it is supposed swallowed some of the mist from the spray.

The Chautauqua building at Ashland is being added to. The old structure has been cut in two, the parts separated and a thirty-two foot section built in between. This will increase the seating capacity greatly.

Enoch Rhoten, of Kaneo creek, who has probably found more "pockets" in the mountains of Southern Oregon than any other miner in this section, unearthed one a few weeks ago, which contained \$200. The ledge from which it was taken shows evidence of widening out as depth is reached.

A. R. Grieve, of Ashland, who was a brakeman in the employ of the S. P. company until he was incapacitated by an accident that occurred near Shasta Springs, Calif., has begun a suit to recover damages in the sum of \$20,000, from that corporation. W. E. Phipps and Chas. Prim are his attorneys.

The attempt of the Ashland Electric Co. to put up poles along the streets of that town failed because of an old ordinance prohibiting such action without an express permission from the city council. The company designed to erect poles so that they could bring in the current from the Gold Ray dam, but will have to wait until they get the necessary permit.

The Ashland city council has ordered a special election to take place July 11th, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to issue bonds for \$50,000, bearing four and one-half per cent interest. Said sum to be expended in establishing a municipal light and power plant. A few weeks ago it was voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$30,000, to purchase certain water rights on Ashland creek.

The report of the clerk of Gold Hill school district shows that the receipts of the last school year were \$295,729 and the expenses \$297,800, leaving a balance on hand of \$18,930. The total number of children of school age in the district is 163, of which 73 are boys and 87 girls. Three teachers are employed. At the annual school meeting J. J. Houck was elected director and D. J. Cheney was re-elected clerk.

Judge Hanna has issued a preliminary injunction against the Ashland Electric Light Company, on petition of the city of Ashland, restraining that company from carrying out its announced intention of setting its poles through the streets of Ashland, regardless of the consent of the city officials of said city. The injunction was served upon Manager Steele, of the corporation, Monday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Long. This is the latest phase of the difficulty between the light company and the city.

The Grants Pass Gun Club will hold a tournament at their grounds in the Tufts grove on July 14th and 15th. The shooting will begin at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. of each day, on a range of forty-five yards with shot guns, clay pigeons, and under National Association rules. A purse of \$500 and prizes amounting to \$250 will be contested for. No admission charges and the public is invited to attend. Some of the best Pacific coast and Eastern marksmen will be present, as well as a large delegation of local shots from Roseburg, Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland and Gold Hill.

The Editorial Visit.

The special train bearing about three hundred members of the National Editorial Association and their friends stopped forty-five minutes in Medford Monday evening, and were greeted at the depot by a large delegation of citizens and the high school band. The visitors were conducted through the exhibition building and shown some of the resources of this valley. They were especially struck by the mineral exhibit and the fruit called forth many expressions of admiration. Cherries and peaches were presented to them and were greatly appreciated. It was the first fruit of the kind they had struck on the trip. There was no formal program, but a number of our citizens each constituted themselves a committee of one to welcome the "pencil pushers" and see that they improved the time, and they certainly made themselves at home. Medford's reputation as a city of flowers was fully justified, and nobody escaped without a bouquet of choice blossoms.

Nick Kime's porcupine skin was a center of attraction, and a good many quills were pulled from it as souvenirs. The fine Angora goat hide exhibited by C. M. Swanson and tanned by D. Anderson, of Medford,

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Grow Stock**

or do most anything else you
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THE MAIL tells about it

NEW EXHIBITS.

was purchased by W. M. Miller, of the Press-Republic, of Springfield, Ohio, who jumped at the chance to give \$5 for it. The call of "all aboard" came all too soon and the train pulled out for the north. No attempt at speech making was made, and it was just as well. These people have been talked at and have had to talk ever since they left home, and it must be getting monotonous by this time.

There were representatives from nearly every state in the union and every one will carry home with him a lively impression of Oregon and the hospitality of its people.

To the kindness of the ladies of the city in contributing so many flowers is due much of the pleasant impression produced upon the visitors, which was visibly enhanced by the fact that the bouquets were distributed by the fair hands of the ladies themselves.

It was noticed that some thoughtless people took advantage of the rush to secure some of the fruit intended for the visitors. We are certain that if they will think a moment they will not be guilty of such an act a second time.

Probably Imagined It.

Late Saturday night, or rather early Sunday morning, people in the vicinity of the corner of A and 7th streets were startled by loud cries for help. The first arrivals found Henry Dodge, a Grants Pass carpenter, lying near the sidewalk, bleeding freely from a gash on the side of his head, and another man engaged in trying to get him upon his feet. Dodge claimed that he had been knocked down by the man who was with him and a companion, with intent to rob him. Subsequently two men, J. A. Walters and Chas. Stuart, who had been with Dodge during the evening, were arrested and on Monday were arraigned before Justice Stewart. The evidence failed to connect the prisoners with any attempt at crime, and as it developed that Dodge had been drinking pretty freely and having considerable money on him, it is possible that his imagination played him a trick. It is likely that his injuries resulted from falling on the sidewalk, and he thought someone hit him. The case against Walters and Stuart was dismissed.

Haul Ore in Wagons.

A. F. Hooper, manager of the Mt. Pitt mine in Jump-off-Joe district, left this week for Portland on business for his company. Considerable development work will be done on the mine this season. The idea of putting a mill on the property has been abandoned and the ore from the mine will be treated at the proposed smelter, near the mouth of Evans creek.

The Mt. Pitt mine is located on Upper Jump-off-Joe, just across the divide from the head of Evans creek. This latter stream empties into Rogue river, three miles above Savage Rapids, where the smelter will be located. It will be Manager Hooper's plan to haul the ore from the Mt. Pitt mine to the smelter by wagons drawn by a traction engine. He will install a stationary engine at the top of the divide and with a long cable assist the traction engine in hauling the heavy ore wagons up the steep grade from Jump-off-Joe. From the top of the divide to the smelter the road will have a down grade which will make it possible for the traction engine to haul big loads.

W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union met at the Christian church June 23d, with president in chair. After singing, "Revive Us Again," the president read the scripture lesson; prayer by Mesdames Hubbard and Vogel; minutes of last meeting read and approved. Committees showed sixteen visits made to the sick, with flowers and aid. Mrs. Buck read a letter in regard to the W. C. T. U. days at the Portland fair on June 27-28. Articles read by Mesdames Day and Lozier on suffrage. The president read an appeal to all churches and christians in regard to perfect prohibition at the voting poles as well as in their prayers. The Union is increasing in members and interest. There is always a good attendance. The Union urges all the women of this city to come and fall in line with the fight to help us to clear the streets for the future generation. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Lotzer, to meet at the Christian church, June 29th. There is plenty of room and seats. Come.

PRESS SUPT.

SEE.

Stop and read, and be benefited by reading, that the Master Workman Gasoline Engine and Double Cylinder Engine is the only engine that will give you steady power, and is fitted for spraying. The weight of a ten-horse power Master Workman engine is only 325 pounds, while the weight of a one-cylinder engine of other makes is 955 pounds. Think of the difference in hauling it around in the orchard. We have also the best spraying outfit to go with the engine. **TEMPLE PUMP CO.,** Polk Hall, Agent, Chicago, Ill. Medford, Oregon. 2-1m

New exhibits are coming in fast at the Medford building and it keeps the reporter pretty busy to make an accurate record of them and then he is likely to fail to connect. Therefore, if in this report anyone is left out, we hope that we will not be too much blamed.

This week matured grasses and grains have been coming in fast, and the specimens are good enough for any country.

Perhaps the ones which demonstrate the possibilities of the higher portions of the county—not in the foot hills, mind you, but in the mountains—are those brought in by Sam Geary from his ranch on Elk creek. This place has an elevation of over 2000 feet, is in the heart of the mountains and for many years it was considered impossible to raise anything. The collection consists of orchard grass four feet high, timothy of large growth, alfalfa, wheat with plump, well-filled heads and oats that show up as well as any.

J. T. Eads, of Medford, contributes a sheaf of Little Club wheat, which would win a premium at any exhibition.

From Mrs. Erdman's farm in the "sticky" country comes a bunch of wheat which demonstrates what sticky land can do, both as to growth of stalk and filling of heads. Also Jas. Mayes has a small bunch of wheat raised on the same class of land, which from appearance would yield between forty and fifty bushels to the acre.

Wm. Shafer has an exhibit of Royal Ann cherries that cannot be beaten. He did have a branch hanging on the wall, showing how prolific the growth was, but the editorial association made short work of them Monday night. Mr. Shafer furnished the cherries and most of the peaches for the entertainment of the editors.

F. A. Pell brought in some of the largest gooseberries we have ever seen. Three-fourths of an inch would not measure the diameter of many of them. These berries are of the Downing variety. Also he shows some mammoth currants.

Wm. Friderger is the exhibitor of some Royal Ann cherries, which the managers take the wise precaution to put in a glass case whenever they see a newspaperman headed that way.

J. M. Waller, of Phoenix, has some early Alexander peaches, that are the largest and finest of the variety yet shown.

Mrs. M. O. Carey, of Phoenix, shows a pure blood Brahma egg of remarkable size and also a freak in the egg line, which must be seen to be appreciated.

Nick Kime brought in the skin of a porcupine, killed on Griffin creek, probably the last of his race.

A collection of ore from the Iron Mask mine, on Star gulch, which also received this week. This collection shows some good values.

Foster & Gunnell also contributed some specimens from the famous Oregon Belle mine.

Smith & Phillips, of Palmer creek, are exhibiting some fine cinnamon float, which is 82 per cent quicksilver.

The Rural Mail.

According to statistics dealing with the rural free delivery there were on May 1, 1905, in the division, comprising the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, 395 rural free delivery routes. On June 30, 1904, 273 routes were in operation in these states. The number of routes in each state in the division June 30, 1904, and May 1, 1905, respectively, as follows: Idaho, last year, twenty-six; this year, thirty-four; Montana, last year, eleven, this year, twenty-two; Oregon last year, 126; this year, 156; Washington, last year, 110; this year, 151. By these figures it will be noted that during the past year the number of routes established in each of the four states has been, eight for Idaho, eleven for Montana, thirty for Oregon and forty-four for Washington. The number of routes in operation in the United States May 1, 1905, was 30,982. The number operating June 30, last year was 24,595.

Convicted of Arson.

PENDELTON, Or., June 21.—Moses Taylor, the wealthy Athana farmer, was tonight convicted of attempt to commit arson, after the jury was out for five hours. The crime of which defendant is guilty was committed a year ago in July, when he attempted to hire Monroe Palmer and Richard McGrath to burn down the barn of John Banister, a neighbor, in revenge for testimony given during his divorce trial. He offered to pay them \$100 to perform the work. Palmer informed Banister of the plot and a trap was laid to apprehend McGrath, who was in the act of setting the building on fire when he became suspicious that he was being watched, retreated then informed Taylor that the plot had been discovered and he refused to carry out his agreement. McGrath was arrested for the alleged crime, but was afterwards released.

Taylor came into prominence last year during a sensational divorce suit. His wife and daughter both testified against him today.

According to Palmer's story as told on the witness stand, last Fourth of July he fell in company with McGrath, who was then an employe of Taylor. Palmer stated that McGrath told him there was a rich man who wanted some work done, and that he was willing to pay for it. This "work," he stated, was to burn the barn and grain field of John Banister, to flog the owner with no less than seventy-four licks, and also to inflict a similar punishment upon the person of Mrs. Joe Sherred, after the latter had recovered from a pending confinement.

Graduates With Honors.

Miss Mabel Jones, daughter of Hon. Carl T. Jones, graduated from the Northwestern Conservatory of Music, at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 16th. Miss Jones was the only graduate in the vocal course, and contributed two numbers to the graduating program. The Minneapolis Journal says of her singing:

"The only vocalist on the program was Miss Mabel Jones, a pupil of Mr. Marshall. Miss Jones has a voice of exceptional range and sweetness, which might with equal propriety be classed as a mezzo soprano or a contralto. She sang two numbers, the latter, "Love the Peddler," being the better suited to her style. Her best results were secured in the piano passages. Miss Jones won the prize for vocal scholarship."

Another Minneapolis paper says: "Miss Mabel Jones, the winner of the vocal scholarship, sang the aria, "I Dreamt," by Sognai. Miss Jones showed a pleasing range and power of voice, taking the high notes with pleasing sweetness and ease, and showing in the lower range surprising volume and force.

Miss Jones is now on her way home, but will visit relatives at various points on the route.

City Council.

A special meeting of the city council was held Monday evening. Present—Mayor Pickel, Councilmen Scott, Hafer, Pottenger, Karnes. Absent—Whitehead, Willeke.

The primary object of the meeting was to fix the assessments on the property affected by the new sewer, but the engineers estimates not being ready the matter was postponed until the regular meeting in July.

An amendment to the ordinance creating sewer district No. 4, authorizing the increase in the territory covered petitioned for, was passed. This increase extends the district so as to include a pair of four blocks on the north of the original line.

The matter of bids for the construction of the laterals made necessary by the extension was taken up. H. E. Boyden and Nicholson & Platt had put in bids which were identical. The two bidders could not agree on a method of settling the matter, so the council voted to reject both bids and allow other bids to be made.

Confidence Men in London.

LONDON, June 25.—During the past week the American invasion of London has surpassed previous records. Every hotel is crowded and the principal ones are booked for in advance.

With the increasing number of visitors from across the Atlantic have come a great number of suspicious persons, who have kept the secret service men busy. An inspector of Scotland Yard said to the Associated Press that he had been compelled to give many of these American suspects orders to leave, but reports are received daily of operations of confidence men and card sharps.

The inspector pointed out that previously American burglars had visited London during the season, but that now there was an inundation of confidence men. Strange to relate, the victims in almost every case are Americans, who, it would be supposed, were acquainted with the operations of sharpers from their own country. During Assot week numerous cases were reported to the police.

Fish for Big Butte.

Several months ago Geo. F. King made application to the government hatchery at Oregon City for some small fry of the native mountain trout, and just the other day he received notice that the fish would be sent to him—20,000 of them—in a short time.

These trout will be immediately taken by Mr. King, upon their arrival, to the head waters of Big Butte and liberated in the various tributaries of that stream. It is expected in this way to keep the stock of fish up and afford sport for years to come.

The fish will be furnished by the government on application to anyone who shows good faith and Mr. King's example might well be followed in other localities.

Wanted.

Want to buy a good Turbin water wheel for mill purposes; also water pipe for same and other machinery necessary to complete a good saw mill outfit. Anyone having all or any parts of same for sale please write. **W. T. RINNEY,** Lake Creek, Ore.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

L. E. Hoover:—"There will be several trees planted in this neck of the woods during the next season. Here's an order I took this week that doubles up on one I took last year. It is for the Western Oregon Fruit Association, a syndicate of Chicago people, who have acquired 1000 acres of land among the foothills in and about Roxy Ann. This order is for 5000 trees, 2000 apples and 3000 pears, and it makes 13,000 trees I have sold to this company altogether. That's just one instance, but it will show that there is something doing in the line of the planting of fruit trees in Jackson county this season."

Fort Hubbard:—"Hubbard Bros. this week sold two machines of patterns not heretofore used in this section. One is a patent hay-buck, known in California as a 'go-devil,' which L. Neidermeyer will try on his farm west of town. This machine picks the hay up on long teeth and carries it to the stack or wherever it is wanted. The other is a hay loader, to be attached to a wagon and elevates the hay either from the swath or windrow into the wagon. Will Nicholson will take this machine to his Fort Klamath ranch. They are both of the latest pattern and are successful used in many sections of the country."

A Medford Lady:—"I do not know what you will think of me, a woman, when I come to you and ask that you print an item calling attention to the inhospitality of those of my own sex, but I am going to do it. The Medford women are not hospitable enough. Socially there are a great many of them who are actually a frost, in so far as strangers are concerned. Now there are a great many new people coming to Medford and the most of these are the real, socially, of any who are older residents of our city. The men strangers can hang around on the streets and in a business way get acquainted with lots of people; but it is different with the women; they cannot do these things; they must stay at home, or in a room in a boarding house or hotel and see no one outside of one or two near neighbors or fellow boarders. They get homesick and blue and pretty soon the family has returned to their home in the East. Why? Husband says, 'My wife is homesick—wants to get back among her friends. Oh, yes, I like the country first rate myself, like your people, too, but wife is dissatisfied and I feel like I want to please her.' I know of a great number of new comers (women) to Medford who have not met more than three or four people—and they have been here several months. That isn't right; it isn't fair to the city. I am going to suggest that a committee be appointed whose duty it will be to appoint a visiting committee of a dozen or more women to call upon strangers. These committees may be changed at intervals, and in that way the strangers will get to know the most of the women in town, and when they do I will wager that no one gets homesick."

Dying of Thirst.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., June 25.—Prospectors coming into Bullfrog today report that they found two men wandering aimlessly about in Death Valley down beyond the Funeral Range. These two men were insane and absolutely naked. Their tongues were black, swollen and protruding. Their limbs were also swollen.

The men had evidently become delirious from thirst while prospecting through Death Valley. Their misfortune is but the repetition of the disasters of that region during the past week. The springs are drying up and the usual supply of water is lacking.

The prospectors are so scattered over the vast region that there is no way of warning them. Carcasses of men and burros heavily laden and without owners have been found in numbers. This season of the year is unfit for all prospecting. The men are being nursed to health and steps are being taken for their identification.

Jumps From Third Story.

From Portland to Oregon.

Although unconscious and with bones broken and joints dislocated as a result of jumping from a third-story window at Good Samaritan Hospital, Mrs. Florence Smith, who came down from her home at Gervais for medical treatment, is expected to recover. Mrs. Smith has been a sufferer for some time of trouble peculiar to her sex and she was acting strangely when she was admitted to the institution four days before.

While her nurse, who has had years of experience, left her in her private ward for a moment, the woman sprang to the window and gave a wild leap to the ground, forty feet below. Both arms were broken, the bones of

the wrist being driven into the earth, both hips were dislocated and she was rendered unconscious. It is thought by Dr. George Wilson, who is attending her, that she struck on her hands and knees.

The morning after Mrs. Smith was admitted she left suddenly, without any one knowing that she was going, and then returned after twenty-four hours. She is about twenty-six years old and is a widow, her husband having been dead some time. Her brother, Rev. Albyn Esson, lives at 338 Eugene street, Portland. Her father has a farm near Gervais.

Eastern Stars Entertain.

Reames Chapter, O. E. S., met Wednesday evening in business and social session. There will be no more meetings of the lodge during the summer months. After the business part of the meeting had been concluded, which included the initiation of several candidates, the members resolved themselves into a committee on enjoyment. A program, consisting of a piano solo, by Miss Freida Hoekens, a whistling solo, by Dr. Butler, a recitation, by Miss Alda Cox and a vocal solo by W. F. Isaacs, was rendered. Then games of various kinds were played. The chief game of the evening was the "advertising game." Names of the various business firms in town were written on separate slips of paper, which were distributed among the company. Each one was required to write an advertisement for the firm whose name appeared on the slip and also to make a drawing illustrating the subject matter. The prize was won by Mrs. Al. Eisenhart with an advertisement for Haskins' drug store. There were so many good "ads" that the judges had some difficulty in deciding as to which was the best. After this contest, light refreshments were served. The committee in charge consisted by Mesdames E. E. Gore and B. N. Butler; Misses Rose Hoekens and Fannie Haskins; Messrs. Chas. Strang, E. A. Hicks and Leon B. Haskins.

A Serious Affray.

Wednesday morning a fracas occurred on the Whetstone farm, three miles west of Medford, which resulted in serious injuries to two of the participants, Livy Murphy and Franz Whetstone. The former has his left arm broken between the wrist and elbow, his right thumb mashed and the middle finger of the same hand knocked out of joint, together with other bruises, while Whetstone is laid up with a broken ankle and is bruised up some what. Murphy claims the attack was made upon him by the Whetstone family, two sons and the mother, assisted by two hired men, while the other side accuses Murphy of making an unprovoked attack upon Franz Whetstone with the neck yoke of the wagon over which the trouble occurred, and that all they did was to separate the two men.

Murphy was bound over by Justice Stewart with bonds fixed at \$200. Whetstone is unable to appear.

Man With Two Hearts.

Telegrams and telephone answers to his advertisement in a New York paper offering to sell his body and two hearts after death, have kept A. Durr, of New Rochelle, N. Y., busy. Although it is known that Durr has been offered large sums of money for his body, he refuses to state the amounts. He is keeping these secret in the hope that a larger sum may be offered by some scientist or medical college. Durr is a carpenter, thirty-five years old, unmarried and the picture of health.

Up to a few years ago he did not know that he possessed two hearts. It was discovered when he called a physician to treat him for a slight attack of sickness. Since then he has submitted to examinations by many of the most celebrated heart specialists of the country. Durr wants cash down and will give the purchaser a deed good after his death.

New Survey Ordered.

H. C. Perkins has been awarded the contract by the United States surveyor-general to complete the survey of township 36, south, range 5 west. There are six sections yet in this township for which the lines are to be run and the corners set. The other sections of the townships were surveyed several years ago, but the six to be surveyed are on the top of a high butte known as Mount Baldy, in Josephine county. The district contains a number of mines and there are also a number of ranches residing there who have been unable to gain title to their land by reason of the land not being on the market.

Shooting Tournament.

About the first of September there will be a grand shooting tournament given in Medford under the management of the lovers of the sport in Medford. A cash prize of \$500 will be the main event, and besides there will be numerous other prizes. The shoot will last two days. The best shots of the northwest and California are expected to be in attendance. This will be the first event of the kind ever held in Jackson county and will attract a good many sportsmen.

FRUIT PROSPECTS.

Shipments of early Alexander peaches commenced this week and next week the Fruit Growers' Union will commence shipping. Medford does not pose as a peach growing center, but just the same the shipment of peaches this year will aggregate nearly 20,000 boxes. The Fruit Growers' Union alone will ship 15,000 boxes.

In some localities the apple and pear crop will be less than it was last year, while in others it will be larger. In nearly every instance, however, the quality will be better— if anything. The cause of short crops is attributed by orchardmen to excessive bearing last year and the long, dry fall season, preventing the trees, already taxed heavily to mature their burden of fruit, from putting forth fruit buds for the ensuing year. In nearly every instance the trees which bore heavily last year, are not bearing much this year. There are exceptions, of course, and one can be cited which seems to prove the theory. In the Orchard Home district, adjoining Medford, the water is very close to the surface of the ground. Last year these orchards bore heavily and this year they are again loaded, indicating that with water applied at the proper time the evil effects on next year's crop of a dry fall season could be avoided.

Fruit growers are in no danger of bankruptcy, however, on account of a small crop, as the prices are such that they will make nearly as much money as they did last year. The demand is enormous and still growing, and the quality of apples and pears that will be raised here this season will insure the top price in the markets of the world.

High School Alumni Meeting.

The members of the Alumni of the Medford High School held their annual reunion Friday evening, June 23, 1905, in the K. of P. hall.

A short business session was held previous to the program. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Julia Fielder. The following officers were elected to serve for one year: President, Ed Van Dyke; vice-president, Frances Haskins; secretary, Livy Murphy and Franz Whetstone. The next Alumni meeting will be held near commencement time. Letters and greetings were received from the following absent members: Mesdames Grace Burnett, Clara Galloway and Miss May Earnhart, of the class of '13; Losen Bradley, Carl Crystal and Mesdames Frances Barnes and Maymie Foster and Mrs. Mund Gartin, of '15; Dr. Floyd M. White, of '16; Miss Grace Olgren and Ed Olwell, of '17; Mrs. Pearl Nelson and Robert Roames, of '18; Fern Nosteing, Delphia Hammond, Isabel Conde and Harriet Olgren, of '19; Mrs. Mary Custer and W. K. Hohlhammer, of '20 and Mund O'Brien, of '25.

Dr. Butler, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Wilson, gave two whistling solos, which were highly appreciated by all.

An amusing contest was entered into by newly admitted students. Gertrude Wilson won the first prize, a large and beautiful picture of the High School building. Frank Hull then came up and took a flash light of the group.

After this the members were seated into the banquet room, where refreshments of cake, ice cream and fruit punch were served. The tables were beautifully decorated with sweet peas. The meeting was quite well attended and all enjoyed the occasion. Following is a list of the names of the members of the Alumni present: Mesdames Bessie Goble, Virgie Lamb, Ida Davis, Edith Butler; Misses Julia Fielder, Fannie Haskins, May Phipps, Kate Angle, Lillian Barr, Edith Van Dyke, Laura Bennett, Helen Wait, Fannie Angell, Bessie Eckhart; Messrs. Scott Davis, W. L. Cameron, Louis Warner, Ralph Woodford, Ed Van Dyke, Guy Mickey.

Aside from these there were present the wives and husbands, respectively, of a number of the members.

Mr. Edison's Watch.

From World's Work.

To Mr. Edison time is so valuable that he does not waste it even by taking account of it. Time to him is only the chance to get things done; and no matter how long it takes, they must be got done. In his office safe there is carefully looked away a \$2700 Swiss watch, given him by a European scientific society. It is never used. He buys a stem-winder, costing a dollar and a half, breaks the chain ring off, squirts oil under the cap of the stem, thrusts it into his trousers pocket—and never looks at it. When it gets too clogged with dirt to run, he lays it on a laboratory table, hits it with a hammer and buys another.

Williamson's Trial Next.

The cases against Congressman Williamson and Williamson's partner, Dr. Van Genser, and Marlon R. Biggs, charged with fraud in connection with Blue Mountain reserve lands, has been set for Monday. The demurrers in this case and in those against Mitchell, Hermann and Mays having been overruled.

To Members of Medford Commercial Club.

Hereafter all letters of inquiry relative to Southern Oregon that shall be received by the secretary, after being answered by him, will be filed in the rooms of the club, where they may be referred to at any time by the members. **M. PURDIN,** Sec'y.